

**House File 2096 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing a voting machine task force.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. VOTING MACHINE TASK FORCE AND REPORT.

2 1. The secretary of state shall establish a voting machine  
3 task force. The task force shall consist of the secretary of  
4 state and an expert in internet technology from the office  
5 of the secretary of state, as well as the following members  
6 appointed by the majority and minority leaders of each house  
7 of the general assembly:

8 a. An expert in internet technology from the office of the  
9 chief information officer.

10 b. A county auditor from an urban county.

11 c. A county auditor from a moderately sized county.

12 d. A county auditor from a rural county.

13 e. Three interested voters, one of whom shall be a  
14 registered republican, one of whom shall be a registered  
15 democrat, and one of whom shall not be a registered member of  
16 either party.

17 2. The secretary of state shall provide staffing services  
18 for the task force.

19 3. The task force shall do all of the following:

20 a. Determine what capabilities voting machines should have  
21 in order to produce an accurate, reliable, efficient, and  
22 accountable result, provided that such voting machines shall  
23 not be capable of connecting to the internet and shall use  
24 analog rather than digital processes.

25 b. Identify a manufacturer or vendor for voting machines  
26 meeting the requirements of paragraph "a".

27 c. Estimate the costs of converting all voting systems in  
28 Iowa to use the voting machines identified in paragraph "a".

29 d. Identify such steps as are necessary to convert all  
30 voting systems in Iowa to those identified in paragraph "a".

31 e. Make other relevant recommendations to the general  
32 assembly.

33 4. The task force shall not recommend the usage of  
34 electronic voting systems.

35 5. The task force shall issue a report regarding its

1 progress and findings to date to the governor and the general  
2 assembly no later than December 1, 2022, and as directed by the  
3 general assembly thereafter.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
6 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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7 This bill requires the secretary of state to establish a task  
8 force to determine what capabilities voting machines should  
9 have in order to produce an accurate, reliable, efficient, and  
10 accountable result, provided that such voting machines shall  
11 not be capable of connecting to the internet and shall use  
12 analog rather than digital processes. The task force shall  
13 also identify a manufacturer for such machines, estimate the  
14 costs of converting to the use of such machines, identify  
15 such steps as are necessary to convert to the use of such  
16 machines, and make other relevant recommendations to the  
17 general assembly. The task force shall not recommend the use  
18 of electronic voting systems. The bill sets requirements for  
19 the membership of the task force. The task force shall issue  
20 a report regarding its progress and findings to date to the  
21 governor and the general assembly by December 1, 2022, and as  
22 directed by the general assembly thereafter.